LIVE SPENT HEAVY FOWL

Prices are trending at least steady. Supplies are sufficient for the moderate demand. Processing schedules are normal. Retail feature activity is good entering the weekend with bulk of the interest being in the Northeast and Southeast regions. Finished product supplies are clearing satisfactorily. Market activity is moderate.

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading: Price Range Wtd Avg
Prices in cents per pound. 9.5 - 21.0 13.73

(Southeast Region broiler breeder hens generally for processing, 7 lbs. and up; under 7 lbs. subject to discount.)

LIVE SPENT LIGHT FOWL

Prices are trending mostly steady for the light to fair demand. Offerings of light type hens are at least sufficient for current needs. Processing schedules are normal. Movement of finished product was fair. Market activity is light to moderate. The majority price for removal costs remains unchanged at 0-7 cents per head.

(live hens are predominately egg-layers averaging about 3.5 lbs. live weight per bird.) Eastern region = AL, CT, DE, GA, KY, MA, MD, ME, MS, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, TN, VA, VT, and WV; North Central = IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI; South Central = AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX.

READY-TO-COOK FOWL

Midwest Region Negotiated Prices to First Receivers

(cents/lb.delivered to first receivers; US Grade A and Plant Grade)

Price Range

Ice Packed (12/box): 80.0 - 86.0 Vacuum Packed (6-9/box): 85.0 - 90.0

Midwest region = IL, IN, MI, MO, OH, and WI

LIVE FOWL AUCTIONS

Hackettstown, NJ - Tue Oct. 16

		Price	Range	Avg.
Heavy Fowl	each:	5.50	6.50	6.36
	per pound:	0.15	- 0.80	0.36

Graystone Small Animal, Manheim, PA - Tue Oct. 16

Red Fowl 5-6 lbs: 0.45 - 0.50 per pound

4-5 lbs: 0.35 - 0.40 per pound

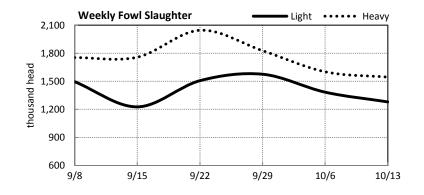
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 lbs: 0.45 - 0.55 per pound

LIVE FOWL SLAUGHTER

Weekly Fowl Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection Week ending 10-13-12

	Head A	vg Wt	RTC Wt	Dress%
Light Hens:	1,280	3.34	2,309	54%
Heavy Hens:	1,545	8.16	8,195	65%
Total Hens:	2,825	5.98	10,504	

(head and ready-to-cook weight in thousands; avg. wght in lbs.)



RETAIL FOWL FEATURING

Supermarket featuring during the week of 10/19 to 10/25

(ad prices in \$/lb)	Light Hens		He	Heavy Hens	
Region	Stores	Wtd Avg	Store	es Wtd Avg	
	72	1.29	119	9 0.97	
Northeast			74	0.98	
Southeast			29	0.83	
Midwest					
South Central	72	1.29	16	1.19	
Southwest					
Northwest					

Relative Fowl Featuring by Region /1

0%

0%

11%

% of stores featuring hens by region.

 $^{^{1/}}$ %'s reflect feature activity relative to the sample size of each region.